
Book Reviews.

Canadian Company Law : A Treatise on the Law of Joint Stock Companies in Canada. By C. A. MASTEN, B. A., assisted by W. R. P. PARKER, B.A., LL.B., of Osgoode Hall, Barristers-at-law. Toronto : Canada Law Book Co. 1901. 840 pages.

This work gives the text of the Dominion, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia Companies and Winding-up Acts, with annotations and references to the Acts of Nova Scotia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the Ordinances of the North-West Territories and of the Imperial Companies Acts.

The desire of the author was to endeavour to group together the law of the Dominion and the various provinces so as to give a bird's-eye-view of the whole, taking the Ontario Act as the basis. The annotations are almost entirely confined to that Act and to the Dominion Winding-up Act.

The task which the author set himself was such a difficult one that we can scarcely say that he has been entirely successful. Complete success was not, perhaps, to be expected. The construction of the book is not scientific, and there is a want of clearness in the arrangement of the material. It is nevertheless a valuable addition to the lawyer's library, and a good index overcomes much that is defective in construction and arrangement. Its value largely consists in giving to the reader a collection of the Canadian authorities on company law, with appropriate references to English cases. This collection seems to be accurate and complete. Procedure for incorporation is dealt with at considerable length, and the necessary information to that end is given separately for each of the various Provinces.

Another useful feature of the book is the multitudinous forms contained therein, and a full and separate index to them makes them easily accessible. The printing and type are excellent.

Flotsam and Local Items.

The following Judges have been appointed to the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec: Albert Rochon, of the City of Hull, K.C., with residence at Ottawa; Norman William Trenholme, of the City of Montreal, K.C., with residence in Montreal; Odilon Desmarais, of the City of Montreal, K.C., with residence at Three Rivers.

CUMULATIVE ARGUMENTS.—A story is told of an Illinois attorney who argued to the Court one after another of a series of very weak points, none of which seemed to the Court to have any merit, until the Court finally said: "Mr. ———, do you think there is anything in these points?" to which the attorney answered: "Well, Judge, perhaps there isn't much in any one of them alone, but I didn't know but Your Honor would kind of bunch 'em."—*Ex.*